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MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Control Officer/JCS

FROM: TALENT Control Officer/CIA

SUBJECT: Justification for TALENT Positions

REFERENCE: A. SC-04821/57  
B. TCS-1757/57

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 5 of Ref. A wherein your request proposed that -

"Individual personnel clearances for SSO/TCO personnel as well as for OSD/JCS representatives will continue to be effected by the appropriate service TCO."

2. There appears to be some misunderstanding by the various service TCO and TSO representatives with respect to the problem of justification of TALENT positions for the JCS.

3. Under the terms of the TALENT Control Manual, Chapter 3 (A 2 and 3B) the Senior Intelligence Officer through his designee, the TCO/JCS, is responsible for proposing, with appropriate justifications, a list of positions that should be cleared for access to TALENT materials. He is also responsible for the security and proper safeguard of TALENT materials and insuring that TALENT materials be issued to TALENT-cleared personnel on a "must-know" basis only.

4. It is requested that such position justifications for present and future incumbents of the JCS TALENT Control Center be presented to the TCO/CIA. This is essential in order to maintain a proper control of the number of positions TALENT cleared for all organizations and TALENT Control Centers. Such

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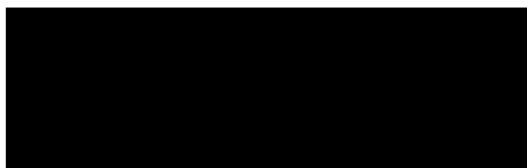
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a procedure is being required of NIC, NTPC, and HTAUTOMAT Control Centers where various service personnel are represented, detailed, or assigned. Once a position has been approved, the evaluation of the security dossiers for the individual personnel assigned or detailed to JCS will continue to be accomplished by the appropriate service TCO or TSO.

5. In handling the TALENT clearances in the manner described above it would make those positions now held by the incumbents available to the services.

6. If there are any questions you may have regarding the procedures please feel free to call on the TCO or TSO/CIA at any time.

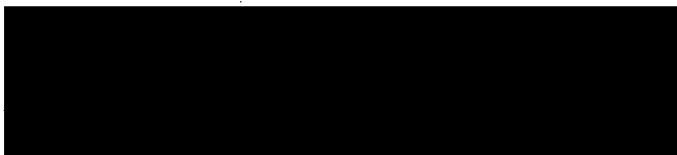
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CIA TALENT Control Officer

**CONCURRED:**

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